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For: USE OF GABAPENTIN IN ASSAYS TO IDENTIFY
BABAB RECEPTOR AGONISTS, INVERSE
AGONISTS, ANTAGONISTS, AND ALLOSTERIC
MODULATORS OF AGONISTS

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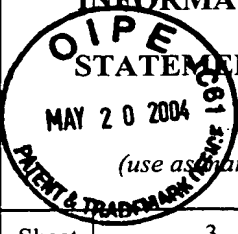
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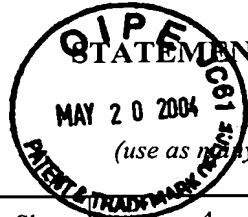
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